

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A support member for roof scaffolding comprising:

an elongated base plate having a first and second ends;

a plate securably connected to the base plate;

a hinge securably connected to the plate;

a hinged plate rotatably connected to the hinge; ~~and~~

a sleeve securably connected substantially normal to the hinged plate and adapted to

receive roof scaffolding in a substantially coaxial orientation-; ~~and~~

wherein said base plate extends beyond said plate and below said hinged plate.

2. (Currently Amended) The support member of claim 1 wherein the first end of the elongated base plate has at least one opening disposed through the elongated base plate.

3. (Original) The support member of claim 2 further comprising securing means to secure the elongated base plate to a surface.

4. (Original) The support member of claim 3 wherein the surface is a roof deck.

5. (Original) The support member of claim 4 wherein the securing means is to nail nails through the opening in the elongated base plate into the roof deck.

6. (Original) The support member of claim 1 wherein the sleeve is an elongated rectangular tube body having a hollow interior.

7. (Original) The support member of claim 6 wherein at least one opening is disposed through the body of the sleeve.

8. (Currently Amended) The support member of claim 7 ~~wherein the rectangular tube body matingly receives scaffolding having a bore disposed therethrough.~~ further comprising a supplemental opening disposed through the body of the sleeve.

9. (Currently Amended) The support member of claim 8 wherein a pin having a first end having a bore disposed therethrough is disposed through the opening in the rectangular tube body, the supplemental opening in the rectangular tube body and the a bore of the a scaffolding to secure ~~the~~ said scaffolding to ~~the~~ said sleeve.

10. (Original) The support member of claim 9 wherein a cotter pin is disposed through bore in the pin.

11. (Original) The support member of claim 1 wherein the sleeve is an elongated tubular member having a hollow interior.

12. (Original) The support member of claim 11 wherein the tube is adapted to securably receive scaffolding.

13. (Original) The support member of claim 11 wherein the tubular member is rotatably connected to the hinged plate.

14. (Original) The support member of claim 1 wherein the plate is welded to the base plate.

15. (Original) The support member of claim 1 wherein the sleeve is welded to the hinged plate.

16. (Original) The support member of claim 1 wherein the plate and the base plate are one piece.

17. (Original) The method of mounting scaffold onto a roof top having a roof deck and shingles comprising:

exposing the roof deck by bending a shingle upwardly from one end;

wedging a support member having a sleeve securably mounted on a hinged plate that is

securably mounted onto a base plate that has a first end having at least one

opening disposed therethrough underneath the shingle so that the first end of the base plate is adjacent to the exposed roof deck;

securing the support member to the roof by nailing a nail through an opening in the base plate into the roof deck;

releasing the shingle so that it covers the first end of the base plate, and

securing the scaffolding to the sleeve.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the scaffolding is secured to the sleeve by inserting the scaffolding into the sleeve.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the sleeve and scaffolding have openings disposed therethrough that align so that the scaffolding is secured to the sleeve using a pin element.

~~20. A support member for scaffolding comprising:~~

~~an elongated base plate having an elevated center surface creating a first and second lower ends; and~~

~~a hinged plate having an elongated longitudinal sleeve adapted to receive scaffolding rotatably mounted to the base plate.~~

21. (New) A support member for roof scaffolding comprising:

an elongated base plate;

a plate securably connected to the base plate;

a hinge securably connected to the plate; and

means journaled to the hinged plate for receiving at least one leg of a roof scaffolding.

22. (New) A support member for a scaffolding comprising:

a base plate;

a hinge secured to the base plate; and

means coupled to the hinge for receiving at least one leg of a roof scaffolding in an orientation substantially coaxial with the sleeve.

23.\_\_\_\_(New) The support member of Claim 22 wherein said receiving means is means for receiving said at least one leg of a roof scaffolding onto said sleeve.

24.\_\_\_\_(New) The support member of Claim 22, wherein said receiving means is means for receiving said at least one leg of a roof scaffolding into said sleeve.

25.\_\_\_\_(New) The support member of Claim 22, wherein said sleeve is less than forty centimeters long.

26.\_\_\_\_(New) The support member of Claim 22, wherein said receiving means comprises means for continuously supporting said at least one leg of a roof scaffold across at least twenty degrees of pivot of said at least one leg of a roof scaffold.

27.\_\_\_\_(New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the scaffolding is secured to the sleeve by sliding the scaffolding onto the sleeve.